## NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD FINAL RECOMMENDATION ADDENDUM NUMBER 22 THE USE OF ANTIBIOTICS IN ORGANIC LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

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The following additions are to be inserted in the <u>Organic Livestock Production</u> section, as indicated, of the NOSB Final Recommendations adopted June 1-4, 1994 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Add at line 358, page 13:

## ANTIBIOTIC USE IN ORGANIC LAYING HENS (Egg Production)

The use of antibiotics as a growth promoter in poultry is prohibited. The use of antibiotics in poultry whose eggs of egg products are intended to be labeled or sold as organically produced is restricted.

Should an antibiotic be administered for whatever reason to otherwise organically produced poultry, eggs of egg products derived from that poultry may not be sold or labeled as organically produced for 90 days following the date of applications or use and furthermore must satisfy all five conditions listed in the addendum in the recommendations on the use of antibiotics in organic livestock production. This policy is to be reevaluated in two years.

To be inserted at line 360, page 14, as a preface to:

## ADDENDUM TO THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE USE OF ANTIBIOTICS IN ORGANIC LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

Just as soil health must be restored after the use of restricted materials, animals, whose health has been threatened by illness or infection, must be allowed adequate time to recuperate after administration of an antibiotic. The restoration of health is effected through adequate recovery management. Products from both restored soil and restored animals may then be labeled as organically produced.